GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:654
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ARREST OF INDIANS IN USA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any persons of Indian origin or Indians have been arrested in the USA for their alleged hand in the September 11, 2001 air strikes;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two persons Mohd Jawed Azmath and Ayub Ali Khan carrying Indian travel documents were detained in Texas shortly after the WTC attacks. They were held on immigration violations and are being treated as material witnesses in the WTC attacks.

(c) The Government is of the view that due process of law of the USA should be allowed to have its course in this case.